

COLOMBIA OUT OF IT

Panama Canal Company Wins Out Before French Court.

ALL OBSTACLES REMOVED

Transfer to the United States Soon to be Made—Americans Pleased.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 31.—The first civil tribunal of the Seine today decided the case of the Republic of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company in favor of the defendants. The decision holds that the complaint of Colombia is not receivable and condemns the plaintiffs to pay the costs of the action. This decision has the effect of removing the legal obstacles in the way of the transfer of the canal concession from the company to the United States.

The decision is a lengthy document, fully reviewing all the early circumstances of the concession and setting forth the various acts of the Colombian Congress, the treaties, etc., particularly articles 20, 21 and 22 of the treaty of March 20, 1878, whereby the company acquired its rights.

COLOMBIA POWERLESS. "These articles," the decision says, "have the manifest purpose of assuring the full exercise of sovereignty over the canal. It results from what is established before this tribunal that Colombia is not in possession of the territory traversed by the canal. By coming before a French court in order to sustain its rights over the canal, Colombia tacitly admits its inability to itself control the canal. It, therefore, follows naturally that it has lost sovereignty over the territory traversed by the canal. It also appears that this sovereignty is maintained by the new Republic of Panama, which is in actual possession of the authority and power of administration and of police. Under such circumstances, it remains for the Panama Company to accept the actual situation of authority and the fact relative to the territory embraced by the concession. Therefore, the action commenced by Colombia is not receivable."

AMERICANS PLEASED. The decision gave great satisfaction to the American officials and the Panama Canal Company. Ambassador Porter expressed his satisfaction with the decision and expressed himself as well satisfied with the outlook for an early winding up of the transfer.

The Panama Canal Company promptly took steps to call a meeting of the stockholders for a final ratification of the sale to the United States.

The law requires twenty-five days' notice before a meeting, so the ratification is expected April 25th. The company has taken precautions to see that a majority is sure to ratify, and it already has far more than a majority of the stock pledged to ratification. The subsequent proceedings, therefore, are considered mere formalities.

SIMPLE MATTER NOW.

Like Transfer of Twenty Feet of Washington Real Estate.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—President Roosevelt and Attorney General Knox had a conference today subsequent to the receipt of the information that the government of Colombia had lost its case in the French courts. At the conclusion of the conference, Attorney General Knox announced that there would be no delay in the transfer of the canal company's property.

The dissolution of the Panama Canal company, so far as the United States is concerned, probably will take place the latter part of April. The payment of the \$10,000,000 to the company will be made in the latter part of the month. It is the view of the President and the Attorney General that the current payments should be practically continued.

MEANEST OF CRIMES

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track, and, Sowers, cocking both barrels of his shotgun, threw it in Joyce's face and told him to give him his money or his life. Joyce had no alternative but to comply, and handed over \$33.33. Sowers then told him to get down the railroad, and he quick about it. Joyce, with tears in his eyes, begged Sowers to give him back \$5, as that he could get home, telling him that if he would, he (Joyce) would not have anything done with him. Sowers' reply was: "You get down to a horse. He then went to the house of a man named Sayers, and traded horses with him at 3 o'clock in the morning, and then left. Sayers here joined the party, and, with his aid, the track

Limped Back to Town.

Joyce got back to Pulaski about 1 o'clock in the morning, and notified the police of the occurrence, but as it was so dark as pitch, and raining, and there being no one to act as guide, the name of the highwayman not being known at that time, nor the house to which he was going, nothing could be done until the next morning. Sunday morning the chief of police, C. E. Bones, and some others started out to see if anything could be learned of the matter, and where he was. After finding the house, to which they first went, it was there learned that his name was Oliver Sowers, and a fairly good description of him was gotten, and the house to which he claimed to be going was named. After a walk of seven miles, with a guide, through the mountain, the place was found, and it was learned that Sowers had traded his shotgun and some cash for a horse. He then went to the house of a man named Sayers, and traded horses with him at 3 o'clock in the morning, and then left. Sayers here joined the party, and, with his aid, the track

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All Short Ends of this season's newest Dress Goods, ranging from 7 yards down, at

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BABY QUIRK'S QUICK CURE

Of Torturing Eczema by Cuticura

When All Else Had Utterly Failed.

"My baby, Owen Herbert Quirk, was afflicted from the age of six weeks with a loathsome running eczema, almost covering his face. I took him to Drs. and of Victoria Road, Aldershot, and he was treated by them for three months, but got much worse, and was a sickening sight to look at. I saw an advertisement of the Cuticura Remedies, and got the Soap, Ointment and Resolvent.

"We noticed an improvement at once, and within a fortnight the running had ceased and the scales were nearly all dried off, and in a month his face was perfectly clear, not a spot left. I have enclosed photograph of him when he was thirteen months old. He is now two years and four months, and has never had the slightest return of it. I am very grateful for the benefit derived from your remedies, and shall feel it a pleasure to make their value known. For corroboration of this statement you may refer any one to Mrs. Williams, 45 Michaels Road, Aldershot, or Mr. Gustave, 40 Victoria Road, Aldershot, to whom we recommended the remedies for a skin humor, which they also cured. You are at liberty to do what you like with this statement, as I should like all to know of the value of Cuticura."

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